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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PGOV, JO, IR, US, XF  
SUBJ: TALK WITH KING--IRAN VISIT

REF: TEHRAN 6829

1. HUSSEIN, WHOM I SAW ON ANOTHER MATTER, TOLD ME AUGUST 2 OF HIS IMPRESSIONS FORMED DURING RECENT VACATION TRIP TO IRAN.

2. SHAH, AS USUAL, IS PREOCCUPIED WITH INSTABILITY AND CHANGE IN REGION. KING REPORTED THAT TURKEY AND PAKISTAN ARE OF SPECIAL CONCERN, AS WELL AS "AFGHANISTAN AFTER THE PRESENT LEADER DISAPPEARS," BUT THAT NO SPEICAL UNCERTAINTIES ARE ATTACHED TO IRAQ. WE DISCUSSED THIS IN CONNECTION WITH KING'S CONCERN THAT IRAQ WILL MOVE ON KUWAIT TO WHICH I RPLIED THAT IRAN WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. KING IN TURN SAID THAT SHAH MUCH MORE WORRIED ABOUT INSTABILITY AMONG HIS OTHER NEIGHBORS. KING ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO NEW EQUIPMENT AND UNITS HE THOUGHT IRAQI TROOPS HAD IMPORVED THEIR PROFICIENCY IN HANDLING THEIR NEW GEAR.

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3. ON BILATERAL ISSUES, SHAH TOLD KING HE PERSONALLY WAS HANDLING QUESTION OF DIESELIZING AND UPGUNNING JORDAN'S M48A1 TANKS AND KING SAID SHAH WILL FOLLOW THROUGH ON COMMITMENT TO DO WHOLE FLEET. (EARLIER IRANIAN AMBASSADOR MOVASSAGHI TOLD ME THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT

SHAH PERSONALLY HAD BALKED AT UPGUNNING BECAUSE  
GUN KITS WERE EXPENSIVE AND HARD TO GET.)

4. HUSSEIN REPORTED SHAH WAS DISTURBED OVER  
AWACS AND SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT U.S. EXECUTIVE  
BRANCH HAD GIVEN WAY IN FACE OF SENATORIAL  
PRESSURE. I TOLD KING THIS CERTAINLY NOT CASE  
AND THAT NEED FOR MORE TIME TO CONSIDER ISSUE  
WAS ANALOGOUS TO PROCESS WE HAD FOLLOWED ON  
JORDAN HAWK DEAL. KING SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS OWN HAWK  
CASE IN SOME DETAIL WITH SHAH, WHOSE INITIAL  
REACTION HAD BEEN TO DECIDE TO WITHDRAW LETTER OF INTENT  
FOR AWACS. HUSSEIN SAYS THAT HE NOW BELIEVES  
SHAH HAS CALMED DOWN AND THAT HE PROBABLY WILL  
NOT WITHDRAW LETTER.

5. EMPRESS FARAH APPARENTLY HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL  
VISIT TO U.S. ACCORDING TO WHAT KING REPORTS SHE  
TOLD HIM. BOTH SHE AND SHAH ARE HOPING TO VISIT  
WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER WHEN KING BELIEVES PERSONAL  
CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT WILL GO LONG WAY TO FURTHER SOLIDIFYING  
SHAH'S U.S. RELATIONSHIP.

6. COMMENT: RECOGNIZE THAT ABOVE MAY WELL BE  
OLD HAT TO DEPARTMENT AND TEHRAN BUT PASS IT ON FOR  
WHAT IT IS WORTH.  
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